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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of

GEORGE LARKIN, D.M.D.

Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

Licensed to Practice Dentistry: in the State of New Jersey :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "the Board") upon the receipt of a patient complaint from R.R. The complaint alleged in relevant part that George Larkin, D.M.D. (hereinafter "respondent") did not take any X-Rays on R.R.'s teeth for the ten year period he treated her; he ignored complaints about pain in an upper-right first molar which developed into an abscess; and he did not properly execute a root canal and tooth extraction. On February 19, 1996, respondent appeared before the Board without counsel at an investigative inquiry into the matter.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent did not conform to standard dental practice in the State of New Jersey. This review disclosed that respondent failed to provide adequate dental care in that he failed to perform

periodontal probing and diagnosis, failed to take X-Rays, failed to adequately perform endodontics, and failed to adequately keep records concerning the patient. These failures constitute a violation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (c).

It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 21 DAY OF APRIL 1997,

## HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

- 1. Respondent shall reimburse R.R. in the amount of \$400.00. A certified check or money order made payable to R.R. shall be sent within fourteen days of the entry date of this Order to Ms. Agnes Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102.
- 2. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: seven (7) hours in record keeping, seven (7) hours in diagnosis and treatment planning, seven (7) hours in radiology, and twenty-one hours (21) hours in endodontics. These courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance, utilizing the attached Pre-Approval Sheet. The courses must be completed within nine months of the entry of this Order. Respondent also shall be required to complete the attached Continuing Education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

- 3. Respondent shall cease and desist performing all endodontic treatment until he completes the continuing education in endodontics.
- 4. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$100.86. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board of Dentistry no later than fourteen days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Agnes Clarke at the address stated in paragraph one of the Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Anthony Villane, Jr., D.D.S.

President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Scorge Tarkin DMD